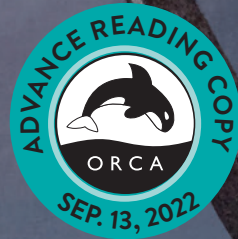


A Wee BOO



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WEE BOO IS TOO CUTE TO SPOOK.

IT'S THE SAME OLD GHOST STORY: terrify folks, earn your haunting license, become the best accredited ghost in this life and the next. But, with her rosy cheeks, big eyes and sweet demeanor, there's nothing terrifying about Wee Boo. Nevertheless, she's given one last chance to earn her license. Boo doesn't need to make anyone scream or gasp or shudder, she just needs one "whoa" to earn her place as a certified ghost. But she's running out of chances and her final haunting is not going well—until she meets a baby. When Boo makes the baby laugh, she realizes something: although she's terrible as a scary ghost, she might just make an outstanding imaginary friend. And a baby laughing in a crib at an invisible friend might just be enough to spook someone after all—the baby's parents.

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- A humorous story about a little ghost who is too cute to scare and realizes there may be a more important job out there for her.
- Examines being true to oneself and following an unexpected path.
- A perfect story for children who love Halloween but don't like to be frightened.
- Brooke Kerrigan also illustrated *A Plan for Pops*, which was shortlisted for the Blue Spruce Award and was selected as an OLA Best Bet, a CCBC Best Books for Kids and Teens, and a Top Ten Title on the ALA Rainbow List.



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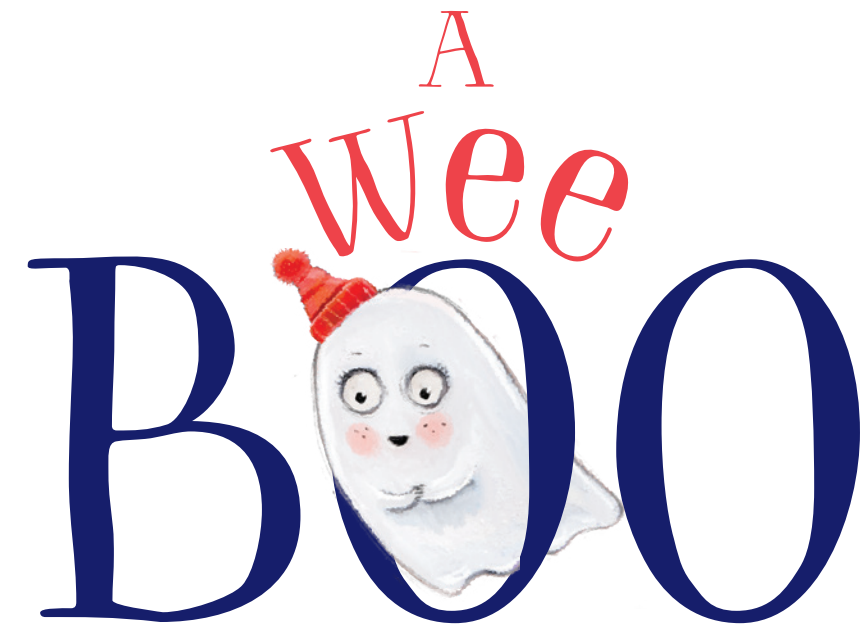
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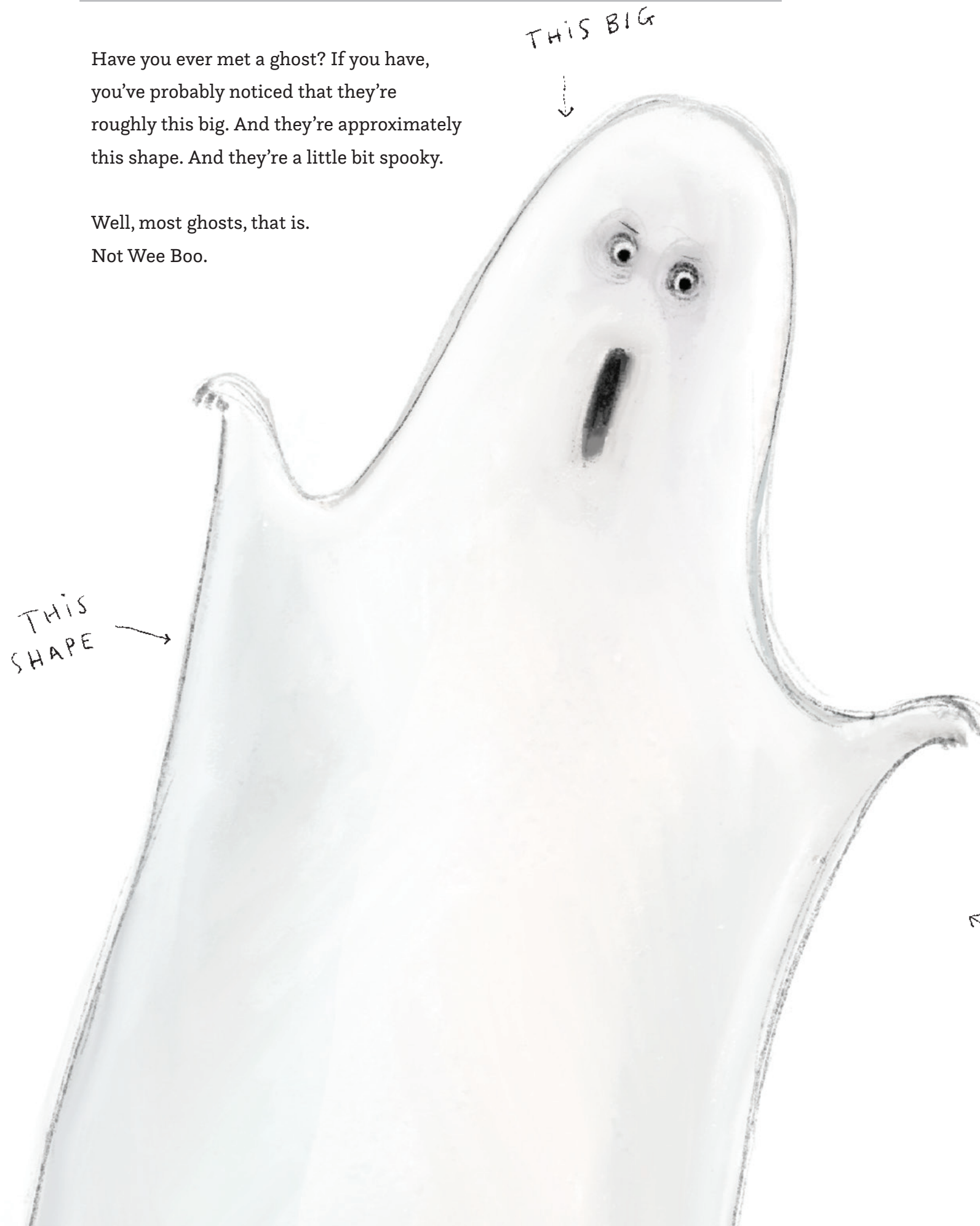
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Have you ever met a ghost? If you have, you've probably noticed that they're roughly this big. And they're approximately this shape. And they're a little bit spooky.

Well, most ghosts, that is.
Not Wee Boo.



A LITTLE
BIT SPOOKY

Boo wasn't like most ghosts.
First of all, she was small.
About the size of a cantaloupe.
And Boo was cute.



Really, REALLY cute.

You know what's not scary? Cute. Cute is not scary. And that's why Boo had such a hard time getting a haunting license. A haunting license is a little card that ghosts carry around. Getting a haunting license is a BIG deal. It means you're a PROPER ghost.



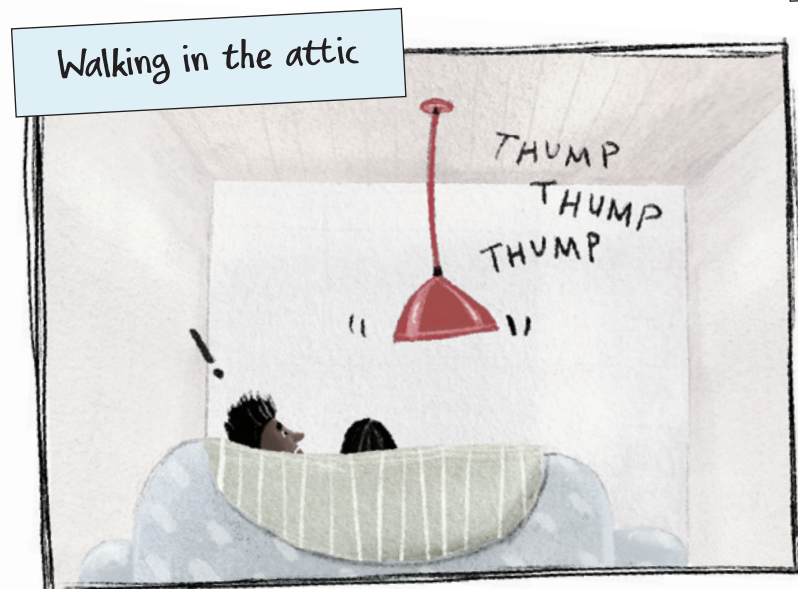
Ghosts go to school for YEARS to learn what it takes to be an honest-to-goodness scary ghost. They learn about:



Making spooky noises



Opening and closing creaky doors



Walking in the attic



Throwing stuff around



Generally making people nervous



Writing scary messages on the wall

And at the end of all that, ghosts take their haunting test. Most ghosts pass on the first try.

The rest pass on their second try.

In the whole history of haunting,
only one ghost has needed a
third try.

Wee Boo.





You could say Boo's first try was an absolute disaster.

The second try was...worse, if that's possible.



After that catastrophe, Boo had to report back to school and meet with the teachers.



“Boo, we are going to give you ONE more chance. One more opportunity to prove that you CAN be scary. All you need to do is make one person scream.”

“Let’s forget about the scream! Let’s just go for a gasp.”



“Gasps are hard. All you have to do, Wee Boo, is make someone say, ‘Oh, that was scary.’”



“Or even a ‘Whoa!’ Anything like that.”



“These are the people you need to scare.”



Wee Boo gulped. She knew this wouldn't be easy.
It never was.



Sometimes Boo thought that maybe being a
proper ghost just wasn't meant to be. But she
always pushed this idea away. Because if not
a ghost...then what?

When Wee Boo arrived at the about-to-be-haunted house, she started with scary noises.



The problem was, Boo's voice was exceptionally adorable.

"Is that a little bird outside? Or some kind of baby animal?"

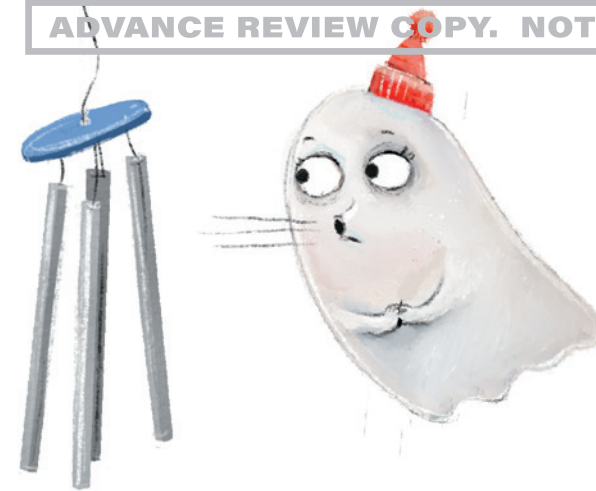
"Whatever it is, I bet it's cute."



So that didn't work.



Next, Boo tried opening and closing doors. Unfortunately they were too big, and Wee Boo was too small.



So that didn't work either.

Boo was getting discouraged when suddenly...



What was that?

A baby! Now
THERE was an easy
person to scare!



Boo sneaked over to the end of the
baby's crib and said...



Was this it? Was Boo about to
scare someone?

No! The baby burst out laughing.
She laughed and laughed.



That was not what Boo had expected.



But she liked it.



"What's she laughing at?"

"Whoa, that's kind of creepy."





In a flash, Boo was back at Ghost School, but this time it was different.

“Congratulations, Boo! You’ve finally scared someone! You’ve officially earned your haunting license. You can find a house and haunt it forever.”



So Boo was now a proper ghost.

But as it turned out, what she really wanted to be was...



An imaginary friend.



Dedicated to Vivi and Lily, my wee boos.

And to Karl, of course.

—J.B.

To Olive, for her drawing of the little ghost that inspired Boo.

—B.K.

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